

5 June 1985
MNC-5117

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--May

I. GENERAL

A. The lease on the new bureau site remains unsigned, since the Archbishop of Cyprus has still not obtained the necessary title clearance to obtain a valid building permit. We are assured this is only a matter of weeks. In the meantime, the Government of Cyprus has approved the leasing of the land for the bureau. Bureau personnel are now busy working on the final design of the building with the local architect, coordinating with headquarters components as required. We hope to have the project ready for construction bids by early July and select a contractor in August. If we are successful in meeting this schedule, groundbreaking for the project should be in early September.

B. Security--The work to improve the security of our current premises progressed substantially during the month: The wall surrounding the grounds was heightened and reinforced with steel, and steel barrier gates were installed on both driveways into the building's parking lot. Regrettably, the most crucial part of the work--the placement of steel-reinforced concrete planters at the front of the building, its most vulnerable aspect--has been delayed indefinitely by a lawsuit brought against the landlord by a commercial tenant on the grounds that the planters would be deleterious to his business.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In response to interest expressed first by Liaison and then by AG in the possibility that the tone of Egyptian commentary on Libya, particularly in reference to Al-Qadhdhafi, has grown more hostile since the 6 April coup in Sudan, the bureau instituted coverage of the two daily commentaries broadcast by the Cairo Voice of the Arabs. A subsequent MOD request led to an open watch on this station, in search of two additional anti-Al-Qadhdhafi programs that it was believed to transmit. Only one such program was found, despite three attempts to record the radio at various post-COB hours. Between 14 May and the end of the month, the bureau continued daily coverage of the station's 1815-1830 GMT commentary seeking anti-Al-Qadhdhafi diatribes, and spotchecked two additional programs carried by the radio.

2. The 6-12 May edition of the English language Beirut MONDAY MORNING magazine reported that a "private radio station" has been established by the Syriac League in Lebanon; bureau efforts to trace this new station have been unsuccessful to date.

B. Technical

STAT ¹ [] A 1400 foot (approx.) long-wire antenna was temporarily installed at the Remote Site to see if a beverage antenna would improve Lebanese reception. The antenna provided about 20 db gain across the D.C.-30 MHz band and enhanced coverage of weak signals. Final plans are being developed to install a beverage antenna under CYTA auspices.

STAT 2. Bureau Senior Technician [] has been on a one month vacation.)

3. We successfully modified the Headquarters-supplied CAAS programs to meet our lateral service list and communications reports needs.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The processing of one new Arabic monitor in Cairo has been completed; the monitor, [redacted], is to arrive in Nicosia on 2 June. The processing in Paris of our second candidate continues, and a third candidate, also in Cairo, has been contacted and has accepted our offer of employment; her processing is to begin soon. STAT

2. The interviewing and testing of candidates for the bureau's opening associate editor position have been completed. Test results are now being compiled, and an offer will be made in mid-June.

B. Visitors

1. B&F officer [redacted] visited the bureau 6-8 May. STAT

2. Production Group's [redacted] stopped at the bureau 14-17 May during an area TDY. STAT

3. London Bureau associate editor [redacted] spent a day's TDY at the bureau on 30 May. STAT

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Bureau Chief
FBIS/Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT:

Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for May 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	282490
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	100390
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	929

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9790.00 min.	21420.00 min.	139.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA
Beijing in
Persian to Iran

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CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic	11640
(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in English	1010
(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in Arabic	16670

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in English	680
Nicosia Domestic Service in Greek	11970
Nicosia Television Service in English	410
Nicosia Television Service in Greek	1030
(Editorial Report in Greek)	880
Nicosia BIRLIK in Turkish	920
Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in English	1630
Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek	980
Nicosia I ELEVTHEROTIPIA tis DHEFTERAS IN Greek	0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia I SIMERINI in			
Greek			1430
Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEFTERAS in			
Greek			1220
Nicosia KHARAVYI in			
Greek			2530
Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEFTERAS in			
Greek			0
Nicosia O AGON in			
Greek			2350
Nicosia O AGON tis DHEFTERAS in			
Greek			630
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in			
Greek			420
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS tis			
DHEFTERAS in			
Greek			0
*Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION			
OFFICE in			
English			1210
Nicosia TA NEA in			
Greek			1300
EGYPT			
*Cairo Voice of the Arabs in			
Arabic	10570		
Cairo Domestic Service in			
Arabic	29920		
Cairo MENA in			
Arabic		40830	
Cairo MENA in			
English		2360	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in			
English		16920	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in			
Greek	5910		
Athens AKROPOLIS in			
Greek			820
Athens AKROPOLIS tis KIRIAKIS in			
Greek			0
Athens ATHENS NEWS in			
English			2270
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in			
Greek			1070

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Athens EXORMISI tis KIRIAKIS in Greek			0
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			2000
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVOTHEROTIPIA in Greek			0
*Athens MESIMVRINI in Greek			1720
Athens NEA PORIA in Greek			0
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			0
Athens TO VIMA tis KIRIAKIS in Greek			0
IRAQ			
*Baghdad Voice of the PLO in Arabic	380		
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
ISRAEL			
*Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	270		
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	42870		
*Beirut Domestic Service in English	2870		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	31430		
*Beirut Voice of Lebanon in English	140		
Beirut Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified Lebanon in Arabic	1200		
Beirut AL_NAHAR in Arabic			500
Beirut AL_SAFIR in Arabic			2280
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	2370		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
* (Editorial Report in Turkish)			1370
*Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			410
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			1780
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			910
*Istanbul GUNES in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			2450
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			2250
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			540
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	800		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	14370		